

OSD's Logistics and Materiel Readiness Team Visits DDCT

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In August, Defense Distribution Depot Corpus Christi, TX (DDCT) hosted the Logistics and Materiel Readiness Team from the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD). The team was headed by Bradley Berksen, Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics and Materiel Readiness), and David Pauling, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics and Materiel Readiness).

The team's visit was in conjunction with a depot review and familiarization tour of the Corpus Christi Army Depot's (CCAD's) facilities and operations. The emphasis was on the unique partnership DDCT and CCAD have created to further enhance the high level of support provided to customers.

DDCT Commander LTC Shelia J-McClaney, USA, welcomed the team and

gave them an overview of DDCT's operation including the organization, customers, facilities and the high level of supply performance the distribution center is achieving.

More specifically, LTC J-McClaney briefed the visitors on the distribution center's total work process: following a receipt as it moves through the distribution center, then as it is requisitioned by CCAD, and the delivery directly to the maintenance shops. She focused on the tailored support DDCT provides to CCAD which is an array of innovative services custom designed to assist them in their efforts to streamline maintenance programs.

The OSD team was most interested in the DDCT's selection by the U.S. Army's Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM) to provide kitting services in support of



Following the briefing, the team toured DDCT, observing the distribution center in action and getting a first hand view of the kitting program.

virtually all CCAD maintenance programs. The overwhelming success of the DDCT kitting program has enabled the army depot to realize considerable time and administrative savings via "one stop shopping" and has led to similar programs at other Defense Distribution Center (DDC) sites.

State Department Logistics Division Visits DDC

Seven representatives of the Department of State Logistics Division visited the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) in New Cumberland, PA, on August 19 to benchmark best distribution practices. The State Department operates three warehouses in the Washington, D.C. area and is responsible for 4,000 lines of stock, providing everything for U.S. embassies around the world from office products to vehicles.

The group was provided an overview of the DDC and its initiatives which included inventory accuracy, stock positioning and the Distribution Planning Management System. After the DDC overview, the

group received the Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pennsylvania's (DDSP) overview and toured the Eastern Distribution Center where they observed the Air Lines of Communication (ALOC) pallet build area, as well as, the Consolidation and Containerization Point (CCP).

"This was an outstanding opportunity to see how the best in the business operate," said Lee E. Rainer, Business Analysis Division, Department of State. "While we certainly do the same work as the DDC, the scale is quite different. We learned a great deal that will help us improve our processes."

